

5617. Adulteration of apples. U. S. * * * v. Christian H. Musselman (Musselman Canning Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7020. I. S. No. 8994-m.)

On May 14, 1917, the United States attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Christian H. Musselman, trading as the Musselman Canning Co., Biglerville, Pa., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about July 13, 1916, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Maryland, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Musselman's Choice Canned Apples. Packed by Musselman Canning Co., Biglerville, Pa."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that each of three cans examined was leaky, the contents of two of the cans were badly decomposed, and the contents of the third can were not fit for food.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On May 15, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*